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Joint Resolution

Designating May 13, 1990, as "Infant Mortality Awareness Day".

May 10, 1990
[H.J. Res. 546]

Whereas more than 38,000 infants will die this year in the United States before their first birthday;

Whereas the international ranking of the United States in infant mortality has declined from 6th in the 1950s to 22nd in the 1980s;

Whereas proper prenatal care has been found to be the single greatest contributor to the birth of a healthy baby, but 1 in 3 pregnant women does not receive early and comprehensive prenatal care in the United States;

Whereas low birth weight has been found to be a significant determinant of infant mortality and 7 percent of all babies born in this country are born below a healthy birth weight; and

Whereas for every dollar spent on prenatal care for high risk mothers, there can be a savings of more than \$3: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress of the United States finds that situation to be deplorable and designates May 13, 1990, as "Infant Mortality Awareness Day", and encourages the citizens of this country to work toward the birth of healthy babies to healthy mothers.

Approved May 10, 1990.

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